

To Help Identify TB Disease

Know the **Red Flags**

in Chest X-ray Reports



Probably Not a TB Disease Suspect

- negative
- no infiltrates
- no active disease
- no tuberculosis
- normal
- clear

Comments to Look For in CXR Reports:

○Pneumonic Process - frequently in the right upper lobe.

○Interstitial Infiltrates.

○Possibility of cavitary lesion.

○Mass, lesion, often needing a CT Scan to further define.

○Pleural effusion (considered TB until proven otherwise).

○Parenchymal disease.

○Nodular densities consistent with old granulomatous disease.

○RUL densities.

○Nodular densities.

○Linear parenchymal changes.

○, Hilar or Perhilar adenopathy.

○Thickening/blunting of right costophrenic angle.

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